

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF WEST VIRGINIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

Crim. Action No.: 2:20-CR-32
(Judge KleeH)

JAY DEAN HALL,

Defendant.

ORDER ADOPTING MAGISTRATE JUDGE'S AMENDED REPORT AND
RECOMMENDATION CONCERNING PLEA OF GUILTY IN FELONY CASE [DKT.
NO. 37], ACCEPTING GUILTY PLEA,
AND SCHEDULING SENTENCING HEARING

On December 8, 2020, the Defendant, Jay Dean Hall ("Hall"), appeared before United States Magistrate Judge Michael J. Aloï and moved for permission to enter a plea of **GUILTY** to Counts Two and Four of the Indictment, charging him in Count Two with Possession with Intent to Distribute Methamphetamine, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1), 841(b)(1)(B), and in Count Four with Possession of a Firearm in Furtherance of a Drug Crime, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 924(c)(1)(A). Hall stated that he understood that the magistrate judge is not a United States District Judge, and Hall consented to pleading before the magistrate judge. This Court referred Hall's plea of guilty to the magistrate judge for the purpose of administering the allocution, pursuant to Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 11, making a finding as to whether the plea was knowingly

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and voluntarily entered, and recommending to this Court whether the plea should be accepted.

Based upon Hall's statements during the plea hearing, and the Government's proffer establishing that an independent factual basis for the plea existed, the magistrate judge found that Hall was competent to enter a plea, that the plea was freely and voluntarily given, that Hall was aware of the nature of the charges against him and the consequences of his plea, and that a factual basis existed for the tendered plea. The magistrate judge issued an *Amended Report and Recommendation Concerning Plea of Guilty in Felony Case* ("R&R") [Dkt. No. 37] finding a factual basis for the plea and recommending that this Court accept Hall's plea of guilty to Counts Two and Four of the Indictment.

The magistrate judge also directed the parties to file any written objections to the R&R within fourteen (14) days after service of the R&R. He further advised that failure to file objections would result in a waiver of the right to appeal from a judgment of this Court based on the R&R. Neither Hall nor the Government filed objections to the R&R.

Accordingly, this Court **ADOPTS** the magistrate judge's R&R [Dkt. No. 37], provisionally **ACCEPTS** Hall's guilty plea, and

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ADJUDGES him **GUILTY** of the crimes charged in Counts Two and Four of the Indictment.

Pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 11(c)(3) and U.S.S.G. § 6B1.1(c), the Court **DEFERS** acceptance of the proposed plea agreement until it has received and reviewed the presentence investigation report prepared in this matter.

Pursuant to U.S.S.G. § 6A1 et seq., the Court **ORDERS** the following:

1. The Probation Officer shall undertake a presentence investigation of Hall, and prepare a presentence investigation report for the Court;

2. The Government and Hall shall each provide their narrative descriptions of the offense to the Probation Officer by **January 15, 2021**;

3. The presentence investigation report shall be disclosed to Hall, his counsel, and the Government on or before **March 16, 2021**; however, the Probation Officer shall not disclose any sentencing recommendations made pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 32(e)(3);

4. Counsel may file written objections to the presentence investigation report on or before **March 30, 2021**;

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5. The Office of Probation shall submit the presentence investigation report with addendum to the Court on or before **April 13, 2021**; and

6. Counsel may file any written sentencing memorandum or statements and motions for departure from the Sentencing Guidelines, including the factual basis for the same, on or before **April 27, 2021**.

The magistrate judge released Defendant on the terms of the Order Setting Conditions of Release [Dkt. No. 18].

The Court will conduct the **Sentencing Hearing** for Hall on **May 10, 2021**, at **10:30 a.m.**, at the **Elkins, West Virginia** point of holding court. If counsel anticipates having multiple witnesses or an otherwise lengthy sentencing hearing, please notify the Judge's chamber staff so that an adequate amount of time can be scheduled.

It is so **ORDERED**.

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The Clerk is directed to transmit copies of this Order to
counsel of record and all appropriate agencies.

DATED: January 5, 2021.

/s/ Thomas S. Kleeh
THOMAS S. KLEEH
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE